

# 2012 Christmas Tree Permit Requirements

## Hood River and Barlow Ranger District

### Mt Hood National Forest

EFFECTIVE DATES, NOVEMBER 05, 2012 THRU DECEMBER 24, 2012

**You must have this sheet in your possession while cutting and transporting.**

#### WHERE TO CUT YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

Your Christmas Tree Permit allows you to cut a Christmas tree in designated areas on the Mt. Hood National Forest. You may cut within the entire Hood River and Barlow Ranger District, noting the restrictions below.

#### SIZE OF TREES

Only trees 12 feet in height or less may be cut. A permit for trees taller than 12 feet may be obtained from the Hood River or Barlow Ranger District office for an additional cost. Please call ahead for more information.

#### CUTTING THE TREE

Cutting the top out of a tree is *prohibited*. Please cut all tree stumps so they are less than 6 inches high and remove all green branches from the stump.

#### OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Please abide by all roads or trail restrictions and closures.
2. There must be another tree, free to grow within 8 feet of the one you want before cutting.
3. You must have a Sno-Park permit on your vehicle at State Sno-Parks after November 15.
4. Attach and validate your Christmas Tree Cutting Permit and secure around your tree prior to leaving the area.
5. A maximum of five Christmas tree permits per household will be issued.

#### AREA CLOSURES

Trees may *not* be cut within **Wilderness** areas, **The Dalles Watershed area**, **Camp Baldwin**, **Warm Springs Reservation**, **Hwy 216**, **Hwy 35** and **Hwy 26**. Trees may *not* be cut in or within 100 feet of a **trail**, 200 feet of **campgrounds**, **recreation sites**, or within 300 feet of a **stream** or **lake**, or any area's posted "no tree cutting".

#### PRECAUTIONS

**Roads on the Forest are not plowed.** Take the appropriate clothing and food for your trip as well as chains and shovel. Do not trust your GPS for finding current FS roads. Maps are available at local Forest Offices. Make sure someone knows where you are. Cell phone coverage is limited on Forest.

**For more information please call Hood River (541) 352-6002, or Barlow (541) 467-2291 Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm**

## Free Use Bough Guidelines 2012

### You must get a Free use permit from your local Ranger Station

You may harvest and transport **25 Pounds** of Boughs **per Vehicle**, these are for **PERSONAL USE ONLY**.

**Please follow the guidelines listed below:**

- Boughs may only be cut from the lower half of the total tree height.
- Only the outer half of the branch may be cut
- No trees shall be felled
- No boughs may be cut from trees under 10 feet in height.
- Boughs may not be sold or exchanged {36 CFR 261.6(f)}
- Boughs may only be cut from the areas currently open for Christmas Tree Cutting.  
( *as listed on this Christmas Tree Permit Requirement sheet*)

If you need more than the 25 pounds of Boughs, you will need to purchase a permit, contact us at  
541/467-2291 (Barlow) or 541/352-6002 (Hood River) for the details and availability of these permits for Barlow and Hood River Ranger Districts.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**